

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

This year is half over already. Our guild has only been allowed to meet twice in 2020 due to COVID health concerns. This is our new normal the news says. Well, it doesn't feel very normal does it? In this new way of electronic communications, wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart, let's do our best to participate safely in small groups that practice the CDC guidelines.

Be happy, be safe and most of all be kind.

Teresa Yonce

SVQG President

CALENDAR

July

TBA

July Birthdays

Margie Hockman	2nd
Cerise Haas	4th
Kathy Christy	12th
Oflia Harner	15th
Joyce Aigner	20th
Karen Jones	20th
Sandie Hammel	21st
Barbara Smith	24th
Carolyn Shank	28th
Linda Puhle	29th

**VIRGINIA QUILT
MUSEUM
IS OPEN**

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>

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SERVICE

Thank you so much for your support!!! Even with this pandemic we collected 122 quilts for Hospice. Fran Miller gets the award for the most quilts completed – she had 48 quilts. I wish you could see them. She did another collection theme. This time she used the same layout but with different fabrics and that really makes them look different!!! She does have pictures and maybe someday we will be able to see the collection. She always has such great ideas on how to use scraps and those UFO squares that will never have a home!! Because of Fran I keep a collection of baskets by my cutting table and divide the scraps in different size squares and strings. Got to love scraps!!

We ended up with 21 patriotic quilts and 15 patriotic pillow cases. This is great!!! Patriotic items are always wanted. Each group tries to do a special ceremony for their veterans. This is my favorite type of quilt to make. Looking at my stash I may have an addiction problem with R/W/B fabrics!!! I say this knowing that Missouri Star will be delivering more next week!!

Thank you also for all those tops. The long arm will be busy!!!! I hope to have them done so I can give them out if we have a meeting in July. I miss seeing everyone.

I think since we have no idea how often we can meet that when you have completed quilts, just give them to me so I have them all in one spot. I have members that will deliver as needed.

Thank you so much for your support.

I have made it past the 200 mark on my mask making. Most of it is due to the WV fabric that I bought. I am really unhappy that there are not more VT fans in this area!!!

Mask Maker 2020, Quilter in spare time!

Denise Rudolph

Service Chair

WAYS AND MEANS

There is a plus to having a shared position in the Guild. Sue and I take turns each month writing a newsletter article so I haven't written since the May Newsletter. We miss all of you and wish we could all be together. However, being wise by wearing a mask in public, washing our hands and social distancing as well as staying a little closer to home is keeping us safer than going into large crowds. John and I have discovered going shopping first thing in the morning when a store opens makes it less crowded and fresh from being disinfected. We are enjoying our front porch and yard and neighbors. Zooming with the Eager BEEvers each Monday has inspired me to quilt more. Perhaps think about starting your own Zoom guild sewing group.

This month I am concentrating on more service quilts and have exhausted the patterns that are ole standbys. So I went in search of three yard quilt patterns. I found a few books by Donna Robertson, some old standards like the three yard windmill and the big block which I haven't made in a few years may stage a comeback. I made the strip Tango baby quilt which was a 48" x 60" and made a perfect lap or nap quilt for service, this one I will make again. This quilt takes nine fat quarters cut into 36 pieces and took about three hours from start to finish, check out on Fort Worth Fabric Studio. blogspot.com. There is the shoe box of 2-1/2" blocks and the two shoe

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boxes of charm blocks that will be created into something fun not to mention miles and miles of strips. Many of Missouri Star quilts can be adapted to service lap quilts and then my favorite thing to do is to make something that is totally yours and not follow a pattern but sit down with a piece of graph paper and draw your own pattern using what you have or just start grabbing random pieces sewing together and trimming into a wonky block, how liberating is that. Turn on your favorite music or audio book and sew, sew, sew. At the end of the day the time has flown by.

Enjoy the journey,
Sandie Hammel
Sue Jones
Ways and Means

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the August newsletter is Friday, July 24th at noon. Please email any items to grahamvl@comcast.net.

Working on my scraps,
Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Here we are, still under semi lock-and-key. Like the rest of you, I'm sure missing my friends at the Guild activities. One day the numbers look fair and the next day they jump again. Hopefully, we will soon turn the corner and get back to "normal" (whatever that means now).

Hope all are well and you are being productive at home, instead of bored. I must admit that I've been a bit lazy and haven't done as much as possible, especially with respect to quilting. I've decided that I'm going to turn up my inner heat and start on some projects. I'll let you know how that turns out.

Sandie and I go out shopping about every 10 days or so. We make sure we try and go at off peak times (early in the day; middle of the week), wear masks and maintain social distancing. So far we both seem to be keeping in reasonably good health. We do a lot of porch sitting and enjoy listening and watching the birds. They don't seem to be wearing masks nor are they social distancing each other. Guess they aren't worried about the virus. Lucky them.

We are ordering a lot of stuff from Walmart and Amazon, including groceries, and look forward to frequently getting "presents" in the mail. We have found that a lot of items are close to the same price as going to the store, but we don't have to go out in public to get them. We'll probably continue to get some things this way, even after all is "normal".

Thinking of all of you and hope and pray that you are keeping safe. Awaiting the day I can once again greet you at the Membership table.

Happy Quilting and have a good 4th of July.

John Hammel
Membership Chairman

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WEB PAGE INQUIRY

From: Kathleen Pantaleo <old.time.ish@gmail.com>

Date: 6/14/20 11:25 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: info@svqg.org

Subject: Inquiry

Hi! I just retired and am interested in quilting! I have begun to make the Farmers Wife scrap bag quilt to keep my sanity during quarantine and wondered if any of your members would like to either get rid of scraps or trade some with me to spark up my blocks.

Appreciate any advice. Thanks!

Kathleen Pantaleo

Harrisonburg, Va.

VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM

The Virginia Quilt Museum reopened on June 16th with new safety measures and traffic plan in place to keep everyone comfortable and healthy. There is good news about fundraising for the museum to report as well! Fundraising for keeping the museum operating during the closure was a success. Museum director Susie Farmer sincerely thanks all for their support through direct donations, renewed and new memberships. Friends of the museum from Florida to Washington and states in between helped in this support.

Very recent and exciting news is that the museum will receive some funding through Virginia Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act economic stabilization plan of 2020 to help the museum continue its mission of “celebrating and nurturing Virginia’s quilting history”.

Exhibits which opened in February are still there for us to see, and new exhibits will be opening soon by curators Barbara Hollinger and Lisa Ellis. Additional exhibits are scheduled for fall openings. Much work for the museum has continued though the closure.

Please keep checking the VQM webpage, www.vaquiltmuseum.org and Facebook for information, video tours and new photos. In addition, museum staff have redesigned the online museum shop. Now you can purchase items from our shop, quilts from our In-House Quilt Board and Virginia Quilt Museum patterns without leaving your home!

The Virginia Quilt Museum is looking for donated face masks to sell in our shop. If you are interested in making face masks and would like to make a donation to the museum, please contact the museum's Executive Director Susan Farmer at director@vaquiltmuseum.org

SVQG members are encouraged to support the museum with their visits and by joining as members and volunteers. We hope to see you there soon!

Trudi VanDyke, SVQG/VQM Liaison

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To join the SVQG, send \$25 annual dues and application to PO Box 913 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

PLACE OF MEETING: Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA

DATE OF MEETING: Third Saturday of each month unless otherwise notified

TIME OF MEETING: 9:30 AM

DIRECTIONS: From I-81 take Exit 247 towards Elkton (Route 33 East). Turn right on Route 687, Massanetta Springs Road. Proceed south for 0.8 miles and turn left onto Sunnyside Drive. Proceed straight and turn right onto Glenside Drive. Turn right at the first parking lot and the Sunnyside Room is on your right. Parking is available in front and below the building and on the street. Please do not park in the numbered spaces.

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